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## 1.—POPULATION AND MIGRATION.

Period.	Population at end of period.			Natural Increase	Migration—Increase + Decrease —		
	Males.	Females	Total.		Oversea.	Inter- state.	Total.
Year ended—							
31st December, 1931	289,397	287,682	577,079	4,191	—607	— 972	—1,579
1932	290,254	289,039	579,293	3,564	—363	— 987	—1,350
1933	291,722	290,955	582,677	3,996	+ 7	— 619	— 612
1934	292,519	291,775	584,294	3,056	— 32	— 1,407	—1,439
1935	293,650	292,733	586,443	3,107	—131	— 827	— 958
1936	294,807	294,505	589,312	3,447	+242	— 820	— 578
1937	295,611	295,590	591,201	3,738	— 7	— 1,842	—1,849
March Quarter, 1937	294,261	294,134	588,395	1,009	—368	— 1,558	—1,926
1938	295,986	295,769	591,755	1,053	—116	— 383	— 499
June Quarter, 1937	294,338	294,340	588,678	920	—195	— 442	— 637
1938	296,156	296,136	592,292	1,022	— 72	— 413	— 485
Sept. Quarter, 1937	294,733	294,833	589,566	741	+204	— 57	— 147
1938	296,621	296,638	593,259	748	+ 54	+165	— 219

Metropolitan Population, 31st December, 1938, 321,412, or 54·0 per cent. of State.

## 2.—BIRTHS, DEATHS, AND MARRIAGES.

Period.	Births.	Deaths.	Marriages.	Infantile
				Deaths.
Year, 1931.....	No.	No.	No.	No.
1931.....	9,079	4,888	3,069	330
1932.....	8,521	4,957	3,636	312
1933.....	8,900	4,904	3,973	286
1934.....	8,459	5,403	4,310	301
1935.....	8,270	5,163	4,845	289
1936.....	8,911	5,464	5,182	277
1937.....	8,985	5,247	5,340	297
1938.....	9,410	5,539	5,489	287
October, 1937 .....	707	407	499	19
1938 .....	773	439	490	19
November, 1937 .....	788	448	399	20
1938 .....	842	461	392	20
December, 1937 .....	786	358	634	24
1938 .....	723	390	624	12
December Quarter, 1937 .....	2,281	1,213	1,532	63
1938 .....	2,338	1,290	1,506	51

### 3.—RAINFALL.

Period.	Over Agricultural Areas, 1938.							State 33 Years' Mean.	Adelaide.	
	Central.	Lower North	Upper North	South- East.	Wes- tern.	Murray Mallee.	State.		1938.	100 Years' Mean.
January .....	In. .75	In. 1.23	In. 1.19	In. .93	In. .35	In. .82	In. .75	In. .51	In. .61	In. .74
February .....	1.78	1.91	1.63	1.65	4.21	1.06	2.52	.68	2.45	.74
March .....	16	.04	.00	.48	.11	.07	.14	.74	.13	1.01
April .....	3.42	2.14	.76	3.64	1.52	2.20	2.13	.90	5.81	1.75
May .....	.73	.16	.04	1.08	.91	.25	.62	1.77	.98	2.72
June .....	1.89	1.17	.76	3.40	2.62	.98	1.99	2.08	2.37	3.05
July .....	2.06	2.24	1.12	2.41	1.70	1.99	1.87	1.93	1.88	2.62
August .....	2.66	1.91	1.19	1.78	2.17	1.15	1.90	1.98	2.69	2.55
September .....	.69	.27	.08	1.21	.36	.16	.44	1.70	.65	2.07
October .....	.57	1.67	2.70	.47	.48	.19	.86	1.31	.70	1.72
November .....	.43	.34	.28	1.07	.06	.48	.36	.91	.50	1.14
December .....	.40	.06	—	.62	.53	.04	.33	.82	.49	1.04
	April to November.								Jan.-Dec.	
1938.....	12.45	9.90	6.93	15.06	9.82	7.40	10.17	—	19.26	21.15
1937.....	14.68	12.72	8.48	15.06	10.36	8.68	11.38	—	23.01	—
Mean, 33 years.	15.99	12.20	8.80	19.38	11.01	10.37	12.58	12.58	—	—

### 4.—EMPLOYMENT—MONTHLY INDEX FIGURES.

(Base July, 1933 = 100.)

	October.			November.			December.		
	1936.	1937.	1938.	1936.	1937.	1938.	1936.	1937.	1938.
State Government (a)	104	110	114	104	112	115	106	111	115
Commonwealth Government ... (a)	112	118	128	113	113	132	114	121	133
Local Government (a)	108	113	108	107	118	110	c 131	111	115
Public Bodies .... (a)	105	115	114	104	111	114	104	110	111
Banks ..... (a)	105	108	111	105	108	111	105	109	111
Life Assurance ... (a)	118	124	128	119	124	128	118	124	128
General Insurance (b)	105	115	123	105	117	123	105	116	124
Retailers ..... (b)	112	113	113	112	115	116	125	129	124
Merchants (Wool, Wheat, etc.) ... (b)	129	143	163	129	151	165	125	134	147
Factories ..... (b)	135	153	155	139	156	154	144	158	156

(a) Complete. (b) Returns received from representative firms only.

(c) Affected by Christmas Unemployment Relief Works.

## 5.—UNEMPLOYMENT AND FACTORIES EMPLOYMENT.

Particulars.	1932-33.	1933-34.	1934-35.	1935-36.	1936-37.	1937-38.
Trade Unionists unemployed per cent. ....	32.0	28.3	22.0	13.6	9.4	7.3
Labour Exchange Registrations end June ..... No.	20,516	16,559	13,111	10,970	8,033	7,739
Employment in Factories Index No. (a) .....	80	91	104	120	127	134
	October.		November.		December.	
	1937.	1938.	1937.	1938.	1937.	1938.
Trade Unionists unemployed per cent. ....	—	—	6.5	8.8	—	—
Labour Exchange Registrations end month ..... No.	7,200	7,143	6,918	6,977	6,290	6,589
Employment in Factories, Index No. (a).....	131	131	133	131	134	132

(a) Base, 1929-30 = 100.

## 6.—STATE CONSOLIDATED REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE.

Period.	Revenue.				Expenditure.			
	Land and Income Tax.	Other Taxation.	Rail-ways.	Total (including Other).	Public Debt (a)	Rail-ways (b)	Unemployed Relief.	Total (including Other).
Year, 1931-32 .....	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000
1932-33 .....	1,919	1,157	2,760	10,482	5,439	2,061	853	11,545
1933-34 .....	1,561	1,172	2,771	10,161	5,346	2,023	632	11,170
1934-35 .....	1,648	1,261	2,609	10,188	5,203	2,065	542	11,032
1935-36 .....	1,825	1,399	2,649	11,002	4,982	2,147	490	10,965
1936-37 .....	1,789	1,415	2,851	11,409	4,934	2,324	415	11,260
1937-38 .....	1,978	1,563	3,000	11,739	4,976	2,471	375	11,600
	2,358	1,564	3,293	12,461	5,061	2,765	319	12,334
October, 1937 .....	69	109	266	870	363	221	24	973
1938 .....	71	114	285	881	364	225	24	1,066
November, 1937 .....	60	89	253	881	363	229	29	1,038
1938 .....	71	111	251	904	376	228	24	997
December, 1937 .....	67	92	287	963	458	235	25	1,100
1938 .....	74	135	302	998	455	234	22	1,107
Dec. Quarter, 1937 .....	196	290	806	2,714	1,184	685	78	3,111
1938 .....	216	360	838	2,783	1,195	687	70	3,170
July-December, 1937 ...	511	567	1,588	5,180	2,492	1,291	151	5,972
1938 ...	432	700	1,623	5,170	2,524	1,359	142	6,165

(a) Interest, Exchange and Sinking Fund.

(b) Includes Pensions for annual figures, but not for monthly and quarterly.

## 7.—PUBLIC DEBT—STATE.

Date.	Public Debt.	Trust Funds, Bank Balances, etc.	Total Indebtedness.	Per Head.
	£	£	£	£ s. d.
30th June, 1932.....	101,599,232	1,519,244	103,118,476	178 7 9
1933.....	103,707,332	1,378,540	105,085,872	180 17 9
1934.....	105,419,280	1,262,812	106,682,092	182 18 1
1935.....	105,349,536	1,008,703	106,358,239	181 17 4
1936.....	105,698,481	1,833,739	107,532,220	183 2 0
1937.....	106,594,164	2,131,201	108,725,365	184 13 11
1938.....	107,450,640	1,944,607	109,395,247	184 14 0
31st December, 1937 .....	108,166,228	1,743,669	109,909,897	185 18 2
1938 .....	108,485,974	1,628,604	110,114,578	185 1 4

NOTE.—During the year ended 30th June, 1935, the amount of £804,988 was written off the Public Debt, being portion of Soldier Settlement Debt taken over by the Commonwealth.

## 8. TRADING BANKS (ex. State and Commonwealth Banks).

Period.	Deposits.					Advances.	Advances to Deposits.
	Bearing Interest.		Not Bearing Interest.		Total.		
	£	%	£	%	£	%	
June Quarter							
1932 .....	16,939,770	77·63	4,881,337	22·37	21,821,107	17,913,525	82·09
1933 .....	17,314,999	77·64	4,987,061	22·36	22,302,060	18,608,501	83·44
1934 .....	17,785,796	76·10	5,586,432	23·90	23,372,228	18,625,748	79·69
1935 .....	17,173,844	74·21	5,967,563	25·79	23,141,407	19,595,659	84·68
1936 .....	17,012,925	72·60	6,421,975	27·40	23,434,900	19,240,000	82·10
1937 .....	18,079,031	71·51	7,204,074	28·49	25,283,105	18,443,318	72·95
1938 .....	18,559,625	73·47	6,701,860	26·53	25,261,485	19,306,744	76·43
Dec. Quarter							
1937 .....	18,198,269	73·49	6,565,809	26·51	24,764,078	19,029,395	76·84
1938 .....	18,778,332	74·17	6,540,265	25·83	25,318,597	19,559,847	77·25

NOTE.—State and Commonwealth Banks, December Quarter 1938. Advances, £2,736,890; Deposits, Bearing Interest, £1,775,846, Not Bearing Interest, £1,816,910; Total £3,592,756.

## 9. SAVINGS BANKS AND BANK CLEARINGS.

Period.	Savings Banks (State and Commonwealth).			Bank Clearings.	
	Accounts Open.	Deposits.	Per Head.	Total.	Weekly Average.
1931-32 .....	572,051	21,566,825	37 6 2	100,419,134	1,919,426
1932-33 .....	584,004	22,515,288	38 15 1	108,566,658	2,079,464
1933-34 .....	595,524	23,437,505	40 3 8	115,558,007	2,214,061
1934-35 .....	579,995	24,184,988	41 7 1	124,254,209	2,385,660
1935-36 .....	622,609	25,308,586	43 1 10	136,851,967	2,592,203
1936-37 .....	645,211	26,505,941	45 0 6	151,281,047	2,900,357
1937-38 .....	657,799	27,243,643	45 19 11	158,944,202	3,039,755
October, 1937 .....	649,592	26,510,498	44 19 4	13,203,514	3,121,712
1938 .....	662,929	27,483,325	46 6 2	13,266,042	3,085,124
November, 1937 .....	650,131	26,510,878	44 16 10	13,127,780	2,995,179
1938 .....	662,929	27,117,204	45 11 6	13,354,924	3,038,176
December, 1937 .....	648,898	26,357,415	44 11 8	14,881,054	3,352,535
1938 .....	661,626	27,146,494	45 12 6	14,669,985	3,564,055

## 10. OVERSEA TRADE (DIRECT).

Period.	Exports.		Imports.	Excess Exports.
1931-32 .....	£ Aus.	£ Stg.	£ Stg.	£ Stg.
	12,264,227	9,772,000	2,821,538	6,950,462
1932-33 .....	12,802,189	10,242,000	3,760,324	6,481,676
1933-34 .....	12,718,325	10,175,000	3,679,412	6,495,588
1934-35 .....	11,834,784	9,468,000	3,965,808	5,502,192
1935-36 .....	15,381,124	12,305,000	5,419,960	6,885,040
1936-37 .....	16,748,140	13,399,000	5,438,429	7,960,571
1937-38 .....	19,057,243	15,215,000	7,473,802	7,741,198
October, 1937 .....	2,082,907	1,666,000	598,264	1,067,736
1938 .....	2,008,806	1,607,000	545,783	1,061,217
November, 1937 .....	1,288,798	1,031,000	846,501	184,499
1938 .....	1,489,105	1,191,000	534,786	656,214
December, 1937 .....	1,339,936	1,072,000	744,246	327,754
1938 .....	1,309,358	1,047,000	446,254	600,746
December Quarter, 1937 ....	4,711,641	3,769,000	2,189,011	1,579,989
1938 ....	4,807,269	3,845,000	1,526,823	2,318,177
July-December, 1937 .....	8,606,739	6,885,000	4,029,914	2,855,086
1938 .....	8,276,699	6,621,000	3,062,902	3,558,098

## 11.—OVERSEA EXPORTS (PRINCIPAL ITEMS).

Article.	Unit.	Year.				July-December.	
		1934-35.	1935-36.	1936-37.	1937-38.	1937.	1938.
<b>Quantities—</b>							
Barley .....	bush.	2,551,888	3,360,946	2,312,332	4,390,374	511,800	370,398
Flour .....	ton	75,662	60,137	58,590	68,231	29,404	41,411
Wheat .....	bush.	24,512,433	22,669,070	16,770,810	28,805,592	6,968,302	9,639,821
Butter .....	lb.	6,299,175	7,953,012	7,291,690	8,809,153	5,618,718	4,599,366
Cheese .....	lb.	2,359,107	3,898,651	7,289,309	10,109,467	5,128,855	8,196,081
Eggs in shell .....	doz.	4,429,318	3,456,050	2,745,480	1,225,550	1,225,550	1,394,730
Lamb .....	carcasses	273,680	342,177	420,374	376,893	339,158	670,212
Wool (a) .....	lb.	67,520,196	75,847,402	70,875,617	68,008,006	30,404,915	45,407,390
Currants and raisins .....	lb.	31,285,956	27,504,426	25,108,567	38,507,866	8,391,299	12,462,683
Wine .....	gall.	3,009,723	3,427,516	3,679,365	3,478,450	2,009,468	1,978,391
Concentrates (Silver, etc.) .....	cwt.	2,045,528	3,749,405	2,393,740	3,174,761	1,737,045	1,404,688
Lead .....	cwt.	1,903,682	2,131,846	1,796,399	2,057,624	1,115,283	1,142,172
<b>Values (Australian Currency)—</b>							
Barley .....	£	345,550	352,533	432,079	746,661	96,865	57,147
Flour .....	£	487,075	422,899	558,675	617,446	294,813	257,551
Wheat .....	£	3,652,558	4,057,227	4,386,206	6,306,741	1,751,296	1,373,925
Butter .....	£	234,814	400,509	395,448	496,326	315,190	240,635
Cheese .....	£	48,922	80,851	166,122	294,136	149,510	239,560
Eggs in shell .....	£	214,141	165,892	140,542	68,441	68,441	75,847
Lamb .....	£	207,689	288,017	352,575	367,078	333,091	686,958
Wool .....	£	2,440,499	3,780,550	4,071,953	3,267,842	1,901,620	1,991,045
Currants and raisins .....	£	582,677	512,714	459,518	730,550	158,227	232,435
Wine .....	£	731,568	870,710	955,033	856,691	508,464	529,580
Concentrates (Silver, etc.) .....	£	328,525	531,685	737,060	684,856	469,477	259,545
Lead .....	£	1,064,765	1,759,672	2,080,903	1,992,168	1,098,164	1,083,920

(a) including scoured converted to greasy.

## 12. OVERSEA IMPORTS (PRINCIPAL ITEMS).

Article.	Year.				July-December.	
	1934-35.	1935-36.	1936-37.	1937-38.	1937.	1938.
<b>(British Currency.)</b>						
Apparel and attire .....	£	£	£	£	£	£
Apparel and attire .....	45,256	61,419	62,758	78,932	41,628	36,811
Bags and sacks .....	209,899	312,623	315,346	300,561	235,379	203,035
Fertilizers—Rock phosphates .....	89,177	129,773	129,015	131,000	73,766	66,480
Iron and steel .....	272,807	433,653	350,041	794,090	435,625	166,991
Machines and machinery .....	287,015	601,041	730,242	1,109,344	547,341	521,936
Motor bodies, chassis, etc. .	252,265	375,010	373,703	472,298	252,922	169,130
Petrol, etc.....	249,858	417,979	421,437	562,893	279,698	200,136
Kerosene.....	47,304	68,194	62,706	122,382	66,883	27,244
Other oils in bulk .....	144,554	180,426	165,611	235,986	120,796	106,942
Paper .....	162,250	195,972	269,392	224,791	103,373	101,385
Stationery, books, etc.....	101,366	111,022	109,701	132,059	63,748	64,670
Tea .....	115,278	111,940	121,758	113,900	69,763	68,883
Textiles, piecegoods, etc. ....	572,587	610,588	612,363	733,717	402,791	323,204
Timber .....	215,920	274,150	175,886	523,346	297,773	139,170

### 13.—RAILWAYS (SUMMARY).

Period.	Gross Revenue.	Working Expenses. a.	Train Miles Run.	Passengers Carried.	Goods and Livestock.	Passenger Mileage.
Year 1931-32..	£ 2,757,123	£ 1,921,744	No. 4,914,265	No. 15,608,384	Tons. 2,430,226	1,000m. 166,409
1932-33..	2,744,741	1,894,477	4,909,588	16,074,121	2,401,070	172,106
1933-34..	2,570,837	1,937,913	4,930,271	16,325,004	2,154,639	175,559
1934-35..	2,669,470	2,023,918	5,080,319	16,660,213	2,346,736	177,655
1935-36..	2,890,710	2,193,457	5,462,146	17,430,674	2,481,568	189,061
1936-37..	3,021,662	2,331,334	5,606,353	17,776,629	2,400,423	205,329
1937-38..	3,299,084	2,612,562	6,111,121	17,632,125	2,897,351	200,144
September, 1937	261,877	212,205	499,089	1,743,364	180,596	17,885
1938	277,396	227,704	544,345	1,685,594	233,565	19,487
October, 1937..	265,761	220,569	495,778	1,426,014	188,862	14,932
1938..	284,843	225,553	507,287	1,496,722	196,364	15,575
November, 1937	253,344	228,521	485,577	1,279,853	179,015	12,601
1938	251,370	228,359	497,774	1,196,401	201,771	12,758
July-November						
1937 ..	1,301,098	1,055,187	2,464,328	7,046,521	956,058	73,498
1938 ..	1,321,299	1,125,193	2,589,437	6,943,404	1,069,987	77,839

a Excluding pensions and capital charges.

### 14.—RAILWAYS (TON-MILEAGES).

Period.	Gross Ton Mileage.					Net Ton Mileage (Revenue).
	Passenger.	Freight.	Mixed.	Depart-mental.	Total.	
Year—	1,000 T.M.	1,000 T.M.	1,000 T.M.	1,000 T.M.	1,000 T.M.	1,000 T.M.
1931-32 .....	262,756	681,354	25,997	15,482	985,589	287,654
1932-33 .....	276,764	685,430	24,585	22,429	1,009,208	283,604
1933-34 .....	292,016	677,057	21,649	19,034	1,009,756	265,720
1934-35 .....	313,338	713,036	22,416	15,638	1,064,428	281,109
1935-36 .....	355,657	800,899	20,404	17,599	1,194,559	312,839
1936-37 .....	405,689	823,513	24,132	25,112	1,278,446	314,515
1937-38 .....	421,956	950,375	27,297	33,909	1,433,537	365,066
September, 1937	37,126	74,077	2,204	3,723	117,130	26,937
1938	38,501	91,453	2,324	3,004	135,282	32,944
October, 1937..	34,445	76,252	2,195	3,148	116,040	26,354
1938..	32,287	85,853	1,700	2,095	121,935	28,378
November, 1937	33,203	72,498	2,250	3,062	111,013	25,059
1938	30,680	80,065	1,791	2,496	115,032	27,019
July-November						
1937 ..	168,769	372,023	10,861	14,489	566,143	136,185
1938 ..	168,268	418,643	10,087	10,904	607,902	147,273

## 15.—TRAMWAYS (DAILY AVERAGES).

Period.	Gross Revenue.	Passenger Journeys.	Tram Miles.	Electricity.
	£	No.	No.	A.C. Units.
Year ended July, 1932.....	1,802	132,424	20,054	69,928
1933.....	1,762	131,929	20,203	71,926
1934.....	1,720	128,820	20,224	71,751
1935.....	1,752	131,830	20,404	72,298
1936.....	1,841	138,317	21,705	76,201
1937.....	1,916	142,689	22,087	77,209
1938.....	1,897	141,572	22,716	81,081
5th September to 2nd October, 1937 ..	2,108	159,416	23,209	81,092
4th September to 1st October, 1938 ..	2,102	158,054	23,908	89,393
3rd October to 30th October, 1937 ..	1,884	139,999	22,568	79,114
2nd October to 29th October, 1938 ..	1,894	140,291	23,580	86,380
31st October to 27th November, 1937 ..	1,888	140,918	22,450	78,844
30th October to 26th November, 1938 ..	1,912	142,014	23,579	87,739
28th November to 25th December, 1937	1,987	150,640	22,461	78,756
27th November to 24th December, 1938	2,019	156,065	24,002	88,971

## 16.—MOTOR REGISTRATIONS.

Period.	Cars.		Commercial Vehicles.		Cycles.	
	1937.	1938.	1937.	1938.	1937.	1938.
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
New Vehicles—						
October.....	437	427	240	198	68	78
November.....	426	408	274	220	76	69
December .....	514	525	239	203	84	63
December Quarter .....	1,377	1,360	753	621	228	210
January-December .....	5,434	5,406	2,365	2,400	842	851
Second-hand Vehicles—						
October .....	1,163	1,211	469	451	564	519
November .....	1,122	1,197	484	442	489	490
December .....	1,387	1,322	459	447	564	496
December Quarter .....	3,672	3,730	1,412	1,340	1,617	1,505
January-December .....	13,891	14,038	5,626	5,517	5,938	5,712
Renewals—						
December Quarter .....	6,863	11,847	2,757	4,453	1,729	2,056
January-December .....	n a	59,485	n a	22,733	n a	9,238
Cancellations—						
December Quarter .....	2,941	2,969	973	1,001	969	873
January-December .....	10,755	12,499	3,293	3,772	3,210	3,536
Expirations—						
December Quarter .....	6,385	11,172	2,809	4,429	1,826	2,810
January-December .....	n a	61,994	n a	23,621	n a	12,854

## 17.—MOTORS, TELEPHONES, WIRELESS.

Period.	Motor Vehicles in use (a).				Telephone Connections.		Wireless Licences.	
	Cars.	Com- merical Vehicles.	Cycles.	Total.	New.	Exist- ing (a).	New.	Exist- ing (a).
Year ended December, 1931	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
1932	45,140	12,139	10,045	67,324	2,869	49,276	10,186	32,075
1933	46,558	12,638	9,736	68,932	3,100	48,608	15,646	43,268
1934	46,413	14,197	10,455	71,065	3,605	48,528	17,903	55,639
1935	48,939	17,267	10,470	76,676	4,882	49,802	21,911	72,337
1936	49,496	17,157	10,741	77,394	5,048	51,516	17,407	81,629
1937	53,728	19,415	11,110	84,253	5,501	53,875	19,867	93,881
1938	56,101	21,728	11,802	88,631	5,727	56,517	20,293	105045
October, 1937 .....	60,537	24,985	10,213	95,735	6,095	58,960	20,568	115571
1938 .....	53,755	20,605	10,229	84,589	512	56,012	1,549	103000
November, 1937 .....	58,151	23,939	9,920	92,010	462	58,513	1,166	114581
December, 1937 .....	54,699	21,171	10,488	86,358	510	56,261	1,412	104317
1938 .....	58,908	24,483	9,954	93,345	522	58,764	1,089	115038
December, 1937 .....	56,101	21,728	10,802	88,631	446	56,517	1,553	105045
1938 .....	60,537	24,985	10,213	95,735	492	58,960	1,808	115571

(a) At end of period stated.

## 18.—PRICES (MEAN) ADELAIDE WHOLESALE.

Period.	Wheat.	Barley.	Oats.	Hay.	Bullocks.	Merino Wethers	Lambs.
October, 1937 .....	Bush. s. d.	Bush. s. d.	Bush. s. d.	Tons. £ s. d.	Prime. £ s. d.	Prime. s. d.	Prime. s. d.
1938 .....	4 10 $\frac{1}{4}$	3 5 $\frac{3}{4}$	2 7 $\frac{1}{2}$	3 5 0	11 8 9	24 9	22 9
2 6 $\frac{3}{4}$	1 8 $\frac{3}{4}$	2 2	2 15 9	13 0 0	13 9	21 0	
November, 1937 ....	4 5	3 6 $\frac{1}{4}$	2 2	2 6 6	10 3 9	22 0	21 6
1938 ....	2 2 $\frac{3}{4}$	1 9 $\frac{1}{4}$	2 8	2 16 3	12 10 0	13 0	20 3
December, 1934 ....	2 5 $\frac{3}{4}$	2 6 $\frac{1}{4}$	1 10 $\frac{1}{2}$	2 8 0	8 3 3	13 9	14 6
1935 ....	3 4 $\frac{1}{4}$	1 10	1 10	1 17 6	9 16 3	18 9	17 3
1936 ....	5 1	4 0 $\frac{1}{2}$	2 4 $\frac{3}{4}$	3 10 0	8 17 6	21 9	21 0
1937 ....	4 1 $\frac{3}{4}$	3 4	2 1 $\frac{3}{4}$	2 2 9	10 16 3	20 9	20 9
1938 ....	2 2 $\frac{1}{2}$	1 9	2 6 $\frac{1}{4}$	2 15 0	11 6 3	13 0	18 6

## 19.—WOOL SALES.

Period.	Greasy and Scoured.			Amount Realized.	Price per Lb. Greasy.	In Store end Period.
	Bales.	Lb.	£		d.	Bales.
Year, 1931-32 .....	197,954	64,158,321	1,847,946	6.88		14,065
1932-33 .....	262,058	84,832,832	2,604,950	7.32		4,212
1933-34 .....	245,311	76,580,369	4,479,165	13.96		20,045
1934-35 .....	272,724	86,383,700	2,959,314	8.14		4,815
1935-36 .....	263,280	83,102,553	4,151,115	11.92		5,029
1936-37 .....	257,300	80,350,616	4,601,851	13.66		4,040
1937-38 .....	273,056	85,165,647	4,018,205	11.28		13,913
October, 1937 .....	27,503	8,737,123	452,185	12.41		111,535
1938 .....	37,390	11,625,951	462,544	9.49		138,383
November, 1937 .....	26,304	8,240,349	369,870	10.76		119,370
1938 .....	65,920	20,310,729	802,001	9.45		111,566
December, 1937 .....	26,621	8,132,238	365,733	10.79		101,234
1938 .....	9,219	2,853,415	105,909	8.91		110,696
December Quarter, 1937 .....	80,428	25,109,710	1,187,788	11.35		101,234
1938 .....	112,529	34,790,095	1,370,454	9.41		110,696
July-December, 1937 .....	140,135	44,389,716	2,342,401	12.62		101,234
1938 .....	176,750	55,175,938	2,098,157	9.09		110,696

## 20.—PRICES—RETAIL ADELAIDE.

Period.	Bread, 2lb.	Flour, 2lb.	Tea, lb.	Milk, Quart.	Butter (Fac- tory), lb.	Eggs, Doz.	Potatoes 7lb.	Beef Ribs, lb.	Mutton Leg, lb.
	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.
October, 1937 ....	5.50	4.60	27.85	5.95	18.20	13.90	5.32	6.85	8.05
1938 ....	4.50	3.10	27.50	5.85	18.55	13.65	14.29	8.30	7.95
November, 1937 ...	5.50	4.60	27.85	5.95	18.20	13.85	5.71	6.45	7.90
1938 ...	4.50	3.00	27.85	5.85	19.50	12.80	14.21	7.90	7.85
December, 1934 ...	3.95	a32.35	27.50	5.70	16.80	10.78	b23.17	5.75	6.80
1935 ...	4.95	a44.90	27.40	5.60	17.00	8.95	b14.75	5.95	6.70
1936 ...	5.00	4.20	27.80	5.95	17.10	13.10	13.71	5.80	7.50
1937 ...	5.00	4.35	27.85	5.85	19.00	14.25	7.86	6.25	7.85
1938 ...	5.50	4.50	27.85	5.85	19.50	12.50	12.79	7.75	7.85

a For 25lb. b For 14lb.

## 21.—PRICE INDEX FIGURES (ADELAIDE).

Base. Six capitals 1923-1927 = 1,000.

Item.	October.		November.		December.	
	1937.	1938.	1937.	1938.	1937.	1938.
Food and groceries .....	839	862	833	860	829	878
Year.						
	1935.	1936.	1937.	1938.	1937.	1938.
Food and groceries .....	780	798	826	861	834	867
Housing (four and five rooms) .....	736	795	832	—	852	—
Food, groceries, and housing.....	764	796	826	—	839	—
All items (a) .....	820	839	859	888	871	893

(a) "All items"; food, groceries, housing (four and five rooms), clothing, and miscellaneous expenditure.

## 22.—BUILDING PERMITS (METROPOLITAN AREA).

Period.	Dwellings.		Other Buildings.		Additions.		Total Value (Ex. Govt.)	Value (Govt.)
	No.	£	No.	£	£	£		
Year, 1931.....	45	28,952	48	163,334	107,938	300,224	23,000	23,000
	110	91,508	65	72,294	125,780	289,582	98,909	98,909
	203	166,862	69	195,686	179,273	541,821	144,000	144,000
	385	321,202	102	266,061	221,369	808,632	44,161	44,161
	685	616,133	197	416,834	270,190	1,303,157	141,169	141,169
	917	714,923	194	236,522	279,707	1,231,152	351,301	351,301
	1,308	1,039,036	195	430,414	319,963	1,789,413	77,671	77,671
	1,562	1,139,906	196	496,305	395,270	2,031,481	203,650	203,650
October, 1937 .....	149	104,010	19	12,563	29,960	146,533	11,349	11,349
1938 .....	118	95,043	7	9,673	36,320	141,036	4,243	4,243
November, 1937 .....	116	98,220	21	11,805	41,918	151,943	6,365	6,365
1938 .....	124	94,775	18	29,134	32,383	156,292	1,862	1,862
December, 1937 .....	53	48,118	17	66,215	19,467	133,800	14,646	14,646
1938 .....	129	82,352	9	57,443	13,914	153,709	6,636	6,636
December Quarter, 1937 .....	318	250,348	57	90,583	91,345	432,276	32,360	32,360
1938 .....	371	272,170	34	96,250	82,617	451,037	12,741	12,741

### 23.—SALES TAX.

Approximate Amount of Sales by Traders Registered under Sales Tax Acts.

Year.	Taxable Goods.				Taxable and Exempt Goods.			
	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Total Year.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Total Year.
	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000
1932.....	1,056	943	927	11,159	2,360	2,417	2,395	26,577
1933.....	880	892	872	10,377	2,007	2,231	2,303	26,197
1934.....	823	945	927	10,014	1,932	3,595	2,179	26,243
1935.....	1,008	1,058	1,038	11,124	2,377	2,570	2,611	28,414
1936.....	1,045	1,006	1,015	11,909	2,461	2,564	2,731	29,901
1937.....	1,149	1,146	1,285	12,587	3,101	3,022	3,473	35,696
1938.....	1,078	1,146	1,113	12,685	3,077	2,972	3,652	36,968

Numerous commodities were exempted from tax as from 1st September, 1932, 26th October, 1933, 1st August, 1934, 25th October, 1935, 26th September, 1936, and 13th December, 1938. Consequently many traders dealing exclusively in exempt goods ceased to supply returns and the proportion of wholesale trade covered by the records has been progressively reduced. The figures above cannot be compared without allowance for this fact.

### 24.—COMPANIES, MORTGAGES, ETC.

Period.	Companies Registered.		Mortgages Registered—Real Estates.		Land Transferred.
	Compan- ies.	Authorised Capital.	Loans.	Dis- charges.	
Year	No.	£	£	£	£
	1931.....	122	2,067,785	7,764,757	2,249,076
	1932.....	115	2,119,500	4,389,999	2,500,727
	1933.....	156	2,200,980	4,013,037	2,778,376
	1934.....	139	2,335,485	4,060,222	3,769,315
	1935.....	150	3,705,132	5,102,905	3,715,313
	1936.....	99	1,488,200	5,993,845	4,076,106
	1937.....	157	3,939,900	7,044,973	4,798,819
October, 1937	1938 .....	139	2,630,225	7,259,416	5,343,113
	1938 .....	14	111,000	523,288	427,555
	1938 .....	9	428,125	591,386	349,719
November, 1937	1938 .....	11	246,000	719,230	473,293
	1938 .....	14	479,000	687,766	355,820
December, 1937	1938 .....	12	194,000	638,197	357,450
	1938 .....	15	349,000	416,941	216,242
December Quarter, 1937 ..		37	551,000	1,880,715	1,258,298
1938 ..		38	1,256,125	1,696,093	921,781
					2,392,600
					1,959,000

## 25.—BANKRUPTCY (Sequestrations, Deeds, Schemes, Etc.).

	Period.	Primary Producers.	Total.	Liabilities.	Assets.	Excess Liabilities.
Year		No.	No.	£	£	£
Year	1931.....	456	996	1,491,178	1,101,919	389,259
	1932.....	316	654	1,341,620	961,257	380,363
	1933.....	282	570	1,339,435	1,061,860	277,575
	1934.....	373	626	1,484,031	1,017,972	466,059
	1935.....	357	597	1,376,855	753,528	623,327
	1936.....	342	551	1,964,627	1,420,209	544,418
	1937.....	227	468	1,547,794	1,143,739	404,055
	1938.....	245	461	1,526,833	1,070,393	456,440
October,	1937 .....	7	28	85,767	54,370	31,397
	1938 .....	10	20	69,355	47,662	21,693
November,	1937 .....	2	31	55,452	50,074	5,378
	1938 .....	10	34	79,086	40,243	38,843
December,	1937 .....	8	30	58,216	37,533	20,683
	1938 .....	4	20	34,518	21,526	12,992
December Quarter,	1937 ..	17	89	199,435	141,977	57,458
	1938 ..	24	74	182,959	109,431	73,528

NOTE.—For 1931 and portion of 1932, liabilities and assets of compositions are not included.

## 26.—BUTTER AND CHEESE PRODUCTION.

Period.	Butter (lb.).			Cheese (lb.).		
	1936.	1937.	1938.	1936.	1937.	1938.
<b>In Factories.</b>						
September ....	1,976,475	2,190,659	2,240,513	1,355,123	1,641,685	2,236,240
October.....	2,468,607	2,672,486	2,210,197	1,770,574	2,103,369	3,006,940
November ....	1,962,219	2,033,700	1,795,695	1,573,670	1,871,109	2,416,864
December.....	1,604,411	1,810,579	1,595,997	1,387,098	1,606,989	1,851,114
July-December	10,620,655	11,605,760	10,900,292	7,747,000	9,035,337	12,340,761
<b>Year.</b>						
	1935-36.	1936-37.	1937-38.	1935-36.	1936-37.	1937-38.
In Factories ..	17,017,490	17,131,365	18,942,574	8,103,243	12,164,717	15,508,031
On Farms ....	3,946,815	3,761,004	3,505,802	420	102	—
Total ....	20,964,305	20,892,369	22,448,376	8,103,663	12,164,819	15,508,031

**27.—SLAUGHTERINGS AT METROPOLITAN ABATTOIRS  
(for home consumption).**

Period.	Bullocks.	Cows.	Calves.	Sheep.	Lambs.	Pigs.
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
October-December, 1937 ....	7,737	6,580	12,076	67,120	75,594	10,021
	1938 ....	7,298	7,087	12,361	80,696	9,229
January-December, 1935 ....	31,295	19,252	39,447	300,396	283,692	35,394
	1936 ....	33,280	21,138	45,710	295,910	287,665
1937 ....	35,734	24,007	45,635	291,487	285,019	40,183
	1938 ....	30,562	27,136	45,080	306,068	327,543

**28.—ELECTRICITY.**

Sales by Adelaide Electric Supply Co., Ltd. (In British Units).

Year Ended November.				Quarter Ended November.	
1931.	1932.	1933.	1934.	1935.	1936.
52,720,937	58,081,989	66,894,123	77,193,245	23,893,935	27,042,227
1935.	1936.	1937.	1938.	1937.	1938.
90,403,543	104,510,754	123,347,106	132,337,978	32,520,725	34,263,464

**29.—GAS AND ELECTRICITY OUTPUT.**

1931-32.	1932-33.	1933-34.	1934-35.	1935-36.	1936-37.
Gas (1,000 cubic feet).					
1,167,937	1,120,686	1,066,471	1,082,217	1,090,249	1,119,278
Electricity (British Units).					
133,676,926	148,348,374	165,597,746	176,433,857	200,488,220	223,925,107

**30.—LATEST PRODUCTION STATISTICS AND MISCELLANEOUS DATA NOT ELSEWHERE INCLUDED.**

Item.	Unit.	1934-35.	1935-36.	1936-37.	1937-38.	1938-39.
Wheat .....	acres	3,188,225	2,989,490	3,058,457	3,161,739	b3,080,000
	bush.	27,455,600	31,615,744	28,714,653	43,428,423	b30,700,000
	average.	8·61	10·58	9·39	13·73	b9·97
Barley .....	acres	316,807	393,741	304,559	411,288	b470,000
	bush.	5,682,923	6,493,983	4,260,462	8,647,043	b7,000,000
	average.	17·94	16·49	13·99	21·02	b14·89
Oats.....	acres	367,192	299,771	414,723	332,434	b325,000
	bush.	2,412,117	2,380,908	2,363,806	2,960,944	b2,400,000
	average.	6·57	7·94	5·70	8·91	b7·38
Hay .....	acres	561,071	566,064	539,127	562,057	b590,000
	tons	571,133	586,658	501,003	687,312	b630,000
	average.	1·02	1·04	0·93	1·22	b1·06
Manures used						
Crops ....	tons	139,723	147,854	161,654	176,351	—
Pastures ..	tons	17,466	26,739	46,399	51,196	—
Cattle .....	No.	346,479	335,354	328,013	324,163	—
Horses .....	No.	198,765	197,368	200,870	197,334	—
Sheep .....	No.	7,884,919	7,945,745	7,905,112	8,904,402	—
Pigs .....	No.	86,297	93,458	85,048	66,647	—
Sheep Shorn ..	No.	8,131,202	8,091,682	7,940,476	8,654,764	—
Wool Clip .....	lb.	68,547,294	70,912,985	66,743,386	74,893,269	—
Wool Prodn. (a)	lb.	77,790,933	81,709,440	76,604,296	86,606,378	—
Ewes Mated ..	No.	3,408,561	3,408,758	3,519,568	3,662,227	—
Lambs Marked	No.	1,875,296	2,049,514	2,079,426	2,476,804	—
Wine—						
Beverage....	gall.	7,123,893	7,745,622	7,434,170	6,928,378	—
Distillation .	gall.	5,791,012	5,277,965	7,592,332	8,960,500	—
Total ....	gall.	12,914,905	13,023,587	15,026,502	15,888,878	—
Currents .....	cwt.	185,173	117,415	161,858	187,337	—
Raisins .....	cwt.	244,679	210,166	227,631	332,178	—
Apples .....	bush.	800,768	939,240	841,504	1,275,486	—
Oranges.....	bush.	638,314	645,291	654,889	802,255	—
Factories						
Establishments	No.	1,803	1,895	1,916	b1,984	—
Hands ...	No.	33,497	38,471	40,710	b44,500	—
Wages, etc.	£	5,733,865	6,694,151	7,518,239	b8,500,000	—
Output ...	£	25,693,172	31,904,091	34,528,176	b36,700,000	—
Production						
Value...	£	9,557,113	11,669,705	12,271,563	b14,200,000	—
Life Assurance						
New Policies	No.	40,282	44,732	48,800	54,205	—
	£	3,923,587	4,579,921	5,395,553	6,255,724	—

a Including wool on skins.

b Estimated.